

# The Traveler's Well

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*"Move In Harmony With The  
Sun, Moon and Stars!"*

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Dear Friends, the 2011 Spring Equinox that will occur on Sunday, March 20 is a special one because transiting Uranus will join (conjunct) the Sun in Aries. In this note, I want to look at:

- the significance of the Sun and Uranus conjunction,
- the Sabian Symbol for the Aries Point, and
- to look at the 'gathering of benefics' in Aries.

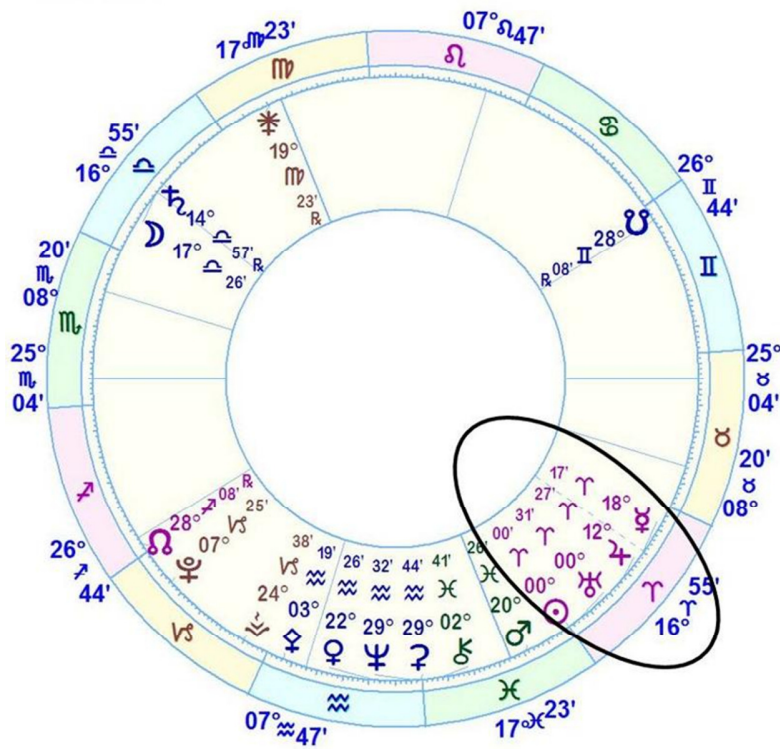
**This planetary alignment at the Equinox will energize the Spring season ahead for all of us!**

Every year the cycle of rebirth is energized and renewed when the Sun returns to the Aries Point in the zodiac, which is 0 degrees of Aries, at the Spring Equinox. On the Spring Equinox, day and night are in balance and we move from winter's call to quiet reflection into a time of new possibilities and of action. Since the sign of Aries represents the natural desire for taking action, each year at this time we prepare to "spring into action".

**Sun and Uranus Conjunction** - This Spring Equinox finds transiting Uranus joining (conjunct) the Sun as it moves into Aries. Since transiting Uranus takes 84 years to complete its journey around the Sun, conjunctions with Uranus at the Spring Equinox are quite rare (with previous occurrences in 1928, 1844, 1760, 1676, 1593 and 1509).

**Furthermore, this is the first time in 500 years, when both the Sun and Uranus are in the first degree of Aries (a conjunction of just 31 minutes)! That is extra powerful!**

Spring Equinox 2011 (11:21 PM UTC)

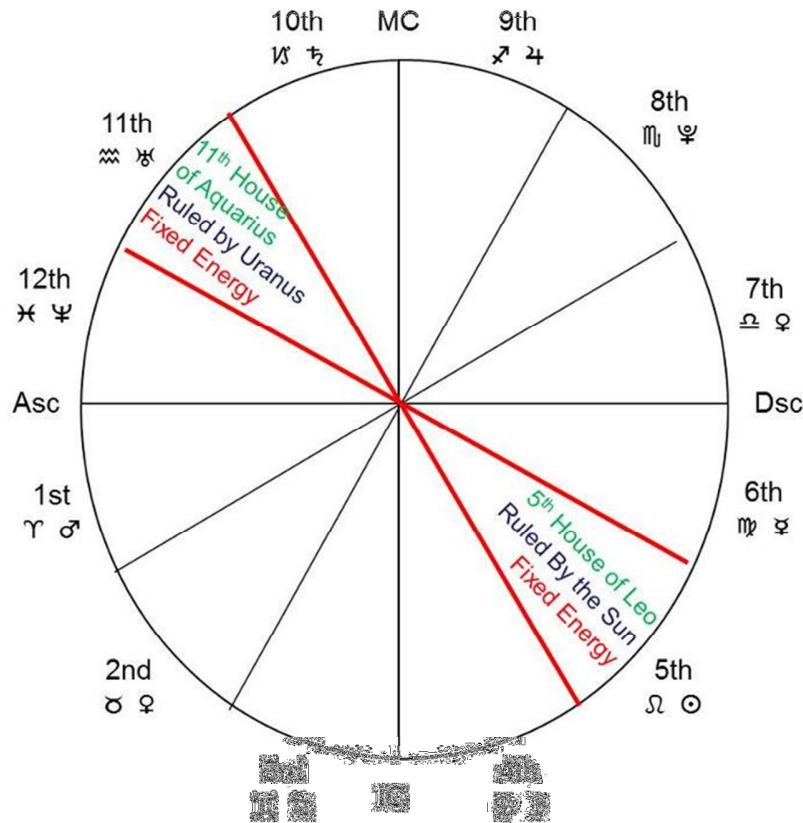


**What is so special about this combination of the Sun and Uranus?** First, the Sun and Uranus are the rulers of complimentary and mutually supportive themes in the zodiac. The Sun rules the 5<sup>th</sup> house and the sign of Leo, while Uranus rules the 11<sup>th</sup> house and the sign of Aquarius on the opposite side of the zodiac. Since these two houses oppose one another in the natural zodiac (see chart below), they share a common theme of creativity and passion that supports both our personal need for purpose and our desire to share with society.

**While the Sun asks us to identify our purpose and passion, Uranus asks us to be aware of what is unique about our purpose, which serves to deepen our commitment to our path and to embrace the courage to be true to ourselves.**

At the entrance to the Sun god Apollo's oracle in Delphi is a statement that is central to these two planetary themes, "Know Thyself". As rulers of fixed energies, once these two powerhouses find a theme, they share a strong determination to bring their passion into reality.

## Natural Zodiac



### The Sabian Symbol For the Aries Point (Zero Degrees of Aries)

Since both planets are at zero degrees Aries, they share the same Sabian Symbol. What is a Sabian Symbol? Sabian Symbols are a series of words and images that represent each degree of the zodiac (as identified by astrologer Marc Edmund Jones with the intuition of the clairvoyant Elsie Wheeler in 1925). The Sabian Symbol of a planet, or a conjunction of two planets in this case, often adds unique insights into the way the planet(s) will be expressed in life.

**The Sabian Symbol for the first degree of Aries is titled:**  
*"A woman just risen from the sea. A seal is embracing her".*

This Sabian Symbol represents the need to emerge as an individual and leave the collective, which is represented by the sea, so that we can find our own destiny. Thus, this first Sabian Symbol, like the Oracle of Delphi asks us to "know ourselves".

## Uranus & The Sun - Awakening Unique Purpose

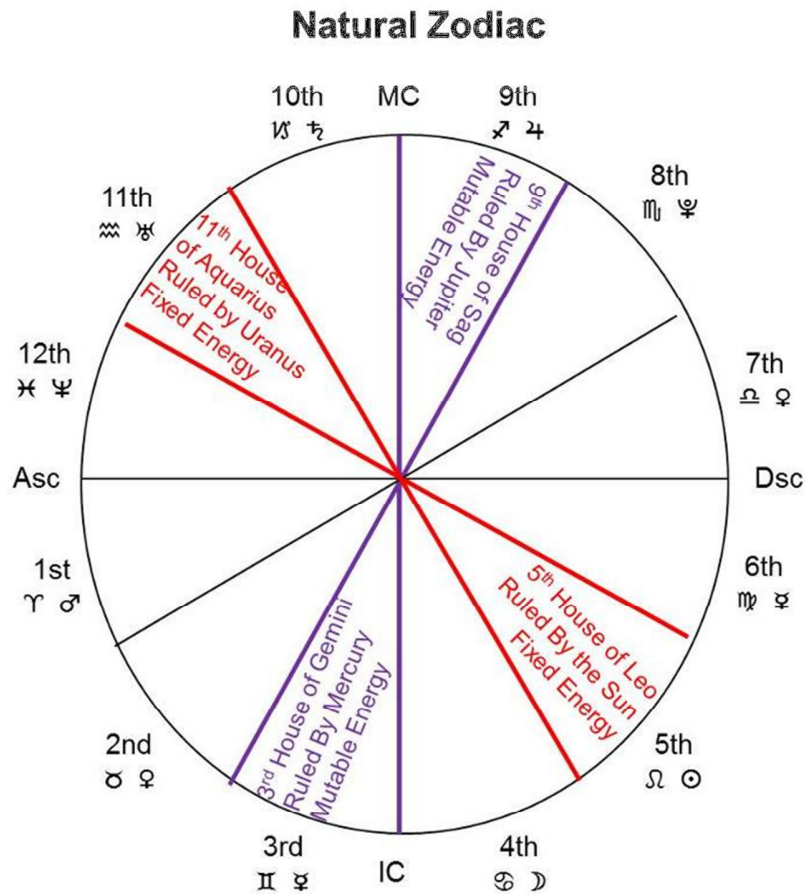
With transiting Uranus conjunct the Sun in Aries, we will all begin experiencing sudden events. While they may be unexpected, their purpose of these events is not to be shocking. Although they may initially surprise you, they are intended to reveal possibilities that we have not previously been aware of. In general, these "surprises" will be of two general types:

- **First**, some events will reveal aspects of life, personal and social, that have remained too limited by the past and a desire for security. While security is good, it is not healthy if it leads to inertia or resisting the future. Uranus embodies the energy of change, and sometimes his actions reveal the need for change in ways that are suddenly and shockingly apparent.
  - If you are shocked by events, ask if you have resisted change or sought out security at the expense of passion. Let go of the limitations that keep you from your passion and joy.
  
- **Second**, events may uncover and inspire new interests and new passions. In this regard, Uranus in Aires can be called "Awakening to the Quest". As many of us are looking to identify what we are meant to do, where we are meant to live and where we can find joy and happiness, the intention of Uranus is to initiate events that represent the desire of the soul to embrace what is most unique about ourselves and therefore, what we are most passionate about. One of the secrets of the combination of Uranus and the Sun is that, when you find your passion in life, not only will you rekindle your personal need and capacity to shine, but you will also find the gift you are meant to give to humanity. **Be passionate! Discover your gift and share it with life!**
  - If you are inspired by events, embrace your passions, have confidence in the unique gifts you have to share.

## The Gathering of Benefics

The Spring Equinox of 2011 also finds gathering of benefic, future oriented planets in the sign of Aries. The Sun and Uranus are joined by both Jupiter at 12 Aries and Mercury at 18 Aries.

With Jupiter and Mercury joining the party, we have the capacity of intuition and vision (Jupiter) and intellect and planning (Mercury) joining the awakening of purpose and passion (Uranus and the Sun). Just like the Sun and Uranus complement each other in the natural zodiac, Mercury and Jupiter complement and support each other in the natural zodiac (see chart below).



**Jupiter is your strategic planner.** The eagle, Jupiter's mythic symbol, soars high above the turbulence of the tangle of day to day details of life. Because Jupiter is both uncluttered and far-sighted, he provides us a vision for our future and what our potential is.

Jupiter is your personal "strategic planner"  
providing a vision for your future.



**Mercury is your tactician**, organizing the pieces in a logical manner so that thoughts and ideas can bring our purpose, liberation and vision into practical expression. Mercury, the messenger of the gods, brings the vision from "Olympus" to earth. He organizes ideas in logical and practical ways. **Without this practical application, Jupiter's vision sometimes gets lost in the clouds. Mercury wants to get things done and will organize your vision in a plan for moving forward.**

Mercury plays another, potentially key role. When Uranus awakens something within us, and Jupiter inspires a vision of our future, this vision is generally not new to the soul, but often new to this lifetime. So, Mercury guides us toward the knowledge we need. Sometimes we need to take a class, attend a workshop or read a book or two, so that we can learn the details of the new passion. You may find yourself in the class thinking, this all seems so familiar to me. Still, the soul needs to be reminded of what it knows and to gain the practical skills that will allow you to make practical use of your new found passion.

Mercury is your personal "tactician",  
organizing the 'list' and planning a path  
to bring your vision into reality.



Mercury putting on his winged sandals

The Sun, Uranus and Jupiter are ALL future oriented planets:

- The Sun and Jupiter embody the element of fire, the passion and vision that points us to our future. Uranus serves to liberate us from the restrictions of the past so that there is room and space in our lives for the potentials of our future to emerge.
- Together, the Sun, Jupiter and Uranus are benefic, meaning they lead us forward in beneficial ways and support our success.
- Thus, while the emotional theme is defined by Aries' passion and desire for action, the gathering of the Sun, Uranus, Jupiter and Mercury contain the keys to how the passion of Aries can be directed.

***"What will your verse be?"***

In thinking about this Spring Equinox and the awakening of passion, I was reminded of the movie, "Dead Poet's Society", when Robin Williams, as Professor Keating, challenges his students to embrace **Carpe Diem** - to "seize the day" and to "make your lives extraordinary". He reminds them, "That the powerful play goes on and you may contribute a verse. What will your verse be?"

This Spring Equinox, with the Sun conjunct Uranus, is like the cosmic Professor Keating standing on his desk and challenging each of us to look at our lives in new ways. Each of us has potentials waiting to be re-discovered, developed and then shared with life as a gift from your soul.

**Embrace your passion this spring and "seize the day"!**